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Foreword

When the Commission on Macromolecules of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry resolved at the New York Meeting in 1951 to hold a special symposium in Uppsala in 1953, it was felt that this conference would be particularly stimulating and effective if it were possible to have complete preprints of all papers set up and distributed before the meeting so that everybody would have an opportunity to prepare himself for the discussion. Such a procedure had been adopted long ago by the Faraday Society and has always been acclaimed by everyone as a very desirable and beneficial feature. Professor Claesson kindly consented to take over the onerous task of persuading the various contributors to submit their papers in time, and Interscience Publishers agreed in a very cooperative manner to collect these articles in a special volume of *Journal of Polymer Science*. This is the volume.

As the organization of the program for the Symposium in Uppsala and the editorial work on the preprints progressed, it became clear that, because of time limits, not all articles submitted for this Symposium could actually be presented in Uppsala but would have to be scheduled during the IUPAC sessions in Stockholm. Hence, the papers in this volume do not coincide with those actually read in Uppsala but include some of those given in Stockholm. Also, some authors missed the deadline or some delay during the processing of an article prevented its inclusion in this volume; it is planned that these papers will appear in regular issues of *Journal of Polymer Science*.

The Commission on Macromolecules and the publishers of the *Journal* would like to express their sincerest thanks and appreciation to Professor Stig Claesson and to his co-workers for the most efficient manner in which they carried all the burden of the preparation of this volume in collecting and editing not only the original contributions but also the discussions. To facilitate references the Table of Contents contains a list of *all* papers presented at the Section on Macromolecules (Section 15) in Stockholm and at the Symposium on Macromolecules in Uppsala.

On behalf of the Commission on Macromolecules of IUPAC, I take pleasure in expressing to all authors and discussion contributors sincerest thanks and appreciation for their kind collaboration.

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